

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims in accordance with the following rewritten claims in clean form. Applicants include herewith an Attachment for Claim Amendments showing a marked up version of each amended claim.

1. (Amended) A portable power tool comprising a housing structure and a secondary structure, the housing structure having a molded portion for at least partially housing a motor assembly of the portable power tool, the housing structure also including an overmold portion, that is formed from a resilient material and at least partially molded onto the molded portion, the overmold portion defining a seal portion that is configured to engage the secondary structure to form a seal between the molded portion and the secondary structure.

2. (Amended) The tool of Claim 1, wherein the secondary structure is an end cap.

3. (Amended) The tool of Claim 1, wherein the overmold portion also retains the secondary structure in a predetermined location relative to the housing structure.

4. (Amended) The tool of Claim 3, wherein the resilient material is a vibration dampening material that is configured to attenuate vibrations that are transmitted between the housing structure and the secondary structure.

5. (Amended) The tool of Claim 4, wherein the resilient material is a thermoplastic elastomer.

6. (Amended) The tool of Claim 1, wherein the overmold portion further includes a bumper member that is coupled to an exterior surface of the housing structure, the bumper member being configured to abut the secondary structure to limit movement of the secondary structure relative to the housing structure in a predetermined direction.

7. (Amended) The tool of Claim 6, wherein the bumper member is raised from the exterior surface of the secondary portion but otherwise conforms to the shape of the secondary portion in an area in which the bumper member and the housing structure abut.

8. (Amended) The tool of Claim 6, wherein the overmold portion includes a linking member that links the seal portion and the bumper member together.

9. (Amended) A portable power tool comprising a housing structure and a secondary structure, the housing structure having a molded portion for at least partially housing a motor assembly of the portable power tool, the housing structure also including an overmold portion that is formed from a resilient material and at least partially molded onto the molded portion, the overmold portion defining an isolator portion that is configured for contacting the second structure and dampening vibrations that are transmitted between the structural portion and the second structure.

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10. (Amended) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the secondary structure is an end cap shell.

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11. (Amended) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the overmold portion also retains the secondary structure in a predetermined location relative to the structural portion.

12. (Amended) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the resilient material is formed from a thermoplastic elastomer.

13. (Amended) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the overmold portion further includes a bumper member that is coupled to an exterior surface of the secondary structure, the bumper member being configured to abut the secondary structure relative to the housing structure in a predetermined direction.

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14. (Amended) The tool of Claim 13, wherein the overmold portion includes a linking member that links the isolator portion and the bumper member together.

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15. (Amended) The tool of Claim 13, wherein the bumper member is raised from the exterior surface of the secondary structure but otherwise conforms to the shape of the secondary structure in an area in which the bumper member and the secondary structure abut.

Please cancel Claims 16 through 22 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following new claims.

23. (New) The tool of Claim 1, wherein the housing structure is a plastic housing structure.

24. (New) The tool of Claim 9, wherein the housing structure is a plastic housing structure.

25. (New) The tool of Claim 1, further comprising the housing structure having a molded portion for at least partially housing one of a motor assembly, a multi-speed transmission assembly, a clutch mechanism, an output spindle assembly, a chuck, a trigger assembly and a battery pack.

26. (New) The tool of Claim 9, further comprising the housing structure having a molded portion for at least partially housing one of a motor assembly, a multi-speed transmission assembly, a clutch mechanism, an output spindle assembly, a chuck, a trigger assembly and a battery pack.